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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the decision rendered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated 6/19/2006.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8 and 14-18.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

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1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.


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This office action is in response to the decision rendered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated 6/19/2006.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James L. Clingan, Jr. on 8/1/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 14 and 16 have been amended.

Claim 14 is amended to read as follows:

An apparatus integrated to provide a hash value of a variable length message in

accordance with a first algorithm and a second algorithm, comprising:

a register file (12) having five registers preset to a first group of values for the first

algorithm and to a second group of values for the second algorithm, the register

file storing first (B), second (C), third (D), fourth (E) and fifth (A) chaining

variables;

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a function circuit (22) receiving first, second and third chaining variables and generating, as an output of the function circuit, a first logical data value for the first algorithm and a second logical data value for the second algorithm;

a storage element (34, 36) for supplying a first set of constant values for the first algorithm and a second set of constant values for the second algorithm; and

a summing circuit (30) having a first input coupled to the output of the function circuit (22) and a second input coupled to the storage element for receiving one of the first and second sets of constant values.

Claim 16 is amended as follows:

The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the register array further includes:

an exclusive-OR (116) coupled for simultaneously receiving first, second, third and fourth data words stored in the plurality of registers and for generating data; and

a rotate block (118) having an input coupled to an output of the exclusive-OR and supplying a one bit left circular shift of the data generated by the exclusive-OR to one of the registers in the plurality of registers.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew T. Henning whose telephone number is (571) 272-3790. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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